



# The Messenger



*First Parish Congregational Church, Saco*

*"A Christ-centered Inclusive Community of Faith  
with Love and Hope to Share"*

## November 2023

### FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

A free Thanksgiving Dinner will be held 11 am-2 pm Thursday, Nov. 23 at Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, 271 Main St., Saco. Dinners are also available for take-out at the hall and home delivery will be available for orders placed in advance. Delivery orders are placed by calling the Parish office at 282-3321, ext 100 by 4 pm Monday, Nov 20. Volunteers can drop in at the church hall from 4-7 pm Wednesday, Nov. 22 for prepping vegetables; bring your peeler! On Thanksgiving Day, helpers are needed for packing and delivering dinners; please call Ray at 229-4844 or Phyllis at 284-5030 to volunteer. In addition, servers, floor help and clean up crews will be needed; please call Loyce at 730-2887 to volunteer. Helpers can come to the hall by 10 am on Thanksgiving morning to assist with any of the positions needed to make the meal a success. Dishwashers are also needed. Any other inquiries should be directed to Mike Bolduc at [mikefairpoint@twc.com](mailto:mikefairpoint@twc.com) or 468-0106.



**Pastor's Bible Study**  
Thursday Evenings 6:30 PM

Come join us!



Rev. Scott W. Cousineau, Senior Minister  
Kristine Galasyn, Director of Christian Education  
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## Pastor Scott's Message...



### The Pastor's Perspective ...

I love Sunday mornings. I love the spirit that we experience as we gather for worship. I love to see how warm and welcoming our church family is to all who gather here. I love greeting visitors and experiencing the exuberant energy of the children and youth. I love the wonderful music offered by our choirs and the dedication of our Sunday school teachers. I spend Sunday afternoons watching football ... AND ... basking in the glow of the morning!

As if that was not already enough, we are entering one of the most exciting seasons of the year. In the coming weeks we will celebrate Consecration Sunday, Thanksgiving, Advent, the Gingerbread Fair, Christmas, and so much more! There will be several concerts, fellowship gatherings, the final bean supper of 2023, Thanksgiving baskets, the Giving Tree, and a youth overnight. We will also be offering another New Friends/Better Friends class. The next two months will be action-packed with numerous events. I hope that you will offer you time and talents as we celebrate together and offer love and care to our neighbors.

Over the course of the previous few weeks, we were also wonderfully busy. On several occasions I witnessed various church members introducing themselves to one another. It did occur to me that one of the challenges of having a dynamic, growing church family is that it can be difficult to learn people's names. Certainly, the nametags do help. (Please wear your nametags.) But even more, social engagement helps to build relationships.

Before the global pandemic, we were planning to offer small group social gatherings to help the new pastor ... me ... get to know the church family. Obviously, those plans were put on the back burner. Well, I think that it is time that we moved them to the front burner. The holiday season is a busy season, but also a great excuse to gather together. We will plan some events here at the church, as well as some events in people's homes. If you would like to host a gathering at your home, please let me know. Also, let me know how many people you can accommodate. The gatherings will continue through the spring with the hopes that we can offer as many opportunities as possible for you to get together.

But wait, there is more! I am going to steal an idea from Jacqui and our Senior Choir. Every week, at the end of their rehearsal, they participate in a fun little get-to-know-you activity called "The Hot Seat." A member of the choir sits on a stool or chair in the center of the room and the rest of the choir can ask them questions for three minutes. We can have some fun with that after worship. On certain Sundays, we will invite people that wish to participate to remain in the sanctuary. We will draw names at random and offer folks a chance to ask questions. (Do not worry, there will not be any math or science questions.)

If you have any other thoughts or ideas about great ways to help people get to know one another, please share them with me or with one of our deacons. This is an exciting time in the life of First Parish Church, Saco!

May God bless you and keep you. May God's Presence surround you and give you peace.

Pastor Scott



## Vice Moderator Update...

### Time and Talent

When we join the church, one area of Stewardship we agree to get involved, is to bring some of our unique talents to the church and donate some of our time. I have always donated some of my time because it makes me aware of issues within the church but also injects me into the church community.

There are so many opportunities to get involved in: simply onetime events such as representing the church in the Saco Pumpkin fair or to being intimately involved in leadership positions.

Providing time can be a great learning opportunity. When I work with the Bean Supper setup team, after many years making the table, I was educated which direction the knife goes (blade pointing out is what my mother taught me) but low and behold, the blade should be pointing toward the middle of the placemat so when you pick up the knife, it is in the correct position for immediate use!! Who would have known?

With the Top of the Hill Gang (Thursday mornings 9:00 am – 12:00 pm) I have become adept at drinking coffee and eating a donut while having a conversation. The donut is our reward for working together on projects that our office manager needs to be done. I also found out that there is not a Sanctuary Banner Fairy that hangs the banners in the Sanctuary, they are requested from a variety of staff members to be hung by the TOHG!

Lots of folks are teaching our young in Sunday School or helping in the Nursery. Our Choir is growing by leaps and bounds and brings joy to the entire church community. The Women's Fellowship group has meetings on Tuesday morning for events to be planned or Prayer Shawls to be made!

You are always welcome to donate food at after Service Coffee Hour!! The Fair in December is coming!!

The point in my jest is that there can be a lot of fun donating your time and talents. There are many opportunities to take some time to try one or two tasks. You will meet a wide variety of folks as you inject yourself into our church community.

**Join a Team and have some fun!!**

**Happy Thanksgiving and may we all be thankful for our blessings!!**

Bob Condon  
Vice Moderator







## **This and That!**

First of all, I'd like to profusely thank the Top of the Hill Gang, who washed all of the pew backs, racks, and pew card holders recently, saving the Diaconate from performing this annual task. It is a huge task, especially with the added work of removing the pew rack contents.

## **Church Pews**

As I restocked the pew card holders and pew racks, several things came to my attention that I'll share in the way of requests with you, in order to optimize their appearance and usefulness going forward:

- If you use a tissue during worship, please take it with you when you leave, rather than leaving it in the pew, pew rack, or pew card holder.
- If your child enjoys scribbling on some paper/pamphlets in the pew card holder, please take the papers with you, or drop them in the recycling bin at the end of service in the Narthex. The pew card holders are not thoroughly checked each week, and I found numerous pamphlets and Welcome Cards that have scribbles/writing on the back. We'd like the ones found in the holders to be presentable to visitors and guests. Thank you!
- On Communion Sundays, when Deacons distribute Discretionary Fund envelopes on the pew cushions prior to the service, please leave them there if you don't use them that Sunday, where Deacons will pick them up at the conclusion of the service, rather than putting them in an already filled pew card holder.
- Going forward, we have one Diaconate member, who will be restocking the pew card holders on a monthly basis, and ushers who weekly will continue to check the racks for Bulletins, and offering envelopes that have been left there. Hopefully, we won't find any more Christmas and Easter envelopes in the racks in the fall!
- Thanks for your help in this matter! We want to keep the sanctuary clean and welcoming for all!

## **Name Tags**

Please, please, please wear your name tags!!! This past Sunday, we had over 180 worshippers in attendance at First Parish! During Fellowship Hour following the service, it was very challenging to find a handful of people (not including the Deacons) who had their name tags on. I don't know about you, but I certainly don't know the names of 180 congregants in our church community, so I rely on reading the name tags to put a name with a face, and to be able to greet people by calling them by name. Let's put our church visioning statement, "A Christ-centered Inclusive Community of Faith with Love and Hope to Share" into action by wearing our name tags!

Presently, the name tag kiosk is looking quite disheveled, and I'm sure it's difficult for some to even locate their name tag. It's my goal this week to reorganize the name tags alphabetically. If you've signed up for a permanent name tag, it may be on the kiosk. Please check on Sunday. If you've lost yours, please sign up for a new one. We'll be having Name Tag Sunday later in November, so be on the lookout for details. With the holidays approaching, we anticipate many visitors and guests, so we need everybody to add their name tag to their Sunday attire! Thank you!



## **Calling Millennials!**

In the Diaconate, we are pleased that there is some diversity among our members, as we strive to reflect the congregation at First Parish. However, in regards to age, we currently exhibit limited diversity. (Our former youth Deacon is now a college freshman.) We would all like to welcome younger members and friends to our ranks; not only for increasing our diversity, but for the fresh perspectives and energy that you would bring to the Diaconate!

If you come to First Parish to worship in person, you could enjoy some fellowship with our group, while you help to welcome people to church! As you know, it would be especially pleasing for a young single, couple, or family, to be greeted by a Deacon of their generation! After all, you are the future of First Parish!

As I told some of you last Sunday, our monthly meeting takes place on the 4th Sunday of the month, at 11:45 in the upstairs Conference Room. Therefore, you don't have to plan for an evening out for a meeting.

We'd love to have you join us, if you're looking to connect with a supportive and friendly group of people, and be a welcoming face to others in our church family, and those who enter our doors, seeking God, and an accepting and welcoming community! Please let Pastor Scott, Sue Burgess, another Deacon, or me know if you're interested.

If not you, then who?

Margery Condon, Co-Chair, Diaconate





# Music Ministry

## From Cary Olson, our Music and Arts Leader:

Each Sunday, the music shared is an integral and meaningful part of our worship. This year we have welcomed several new choir members and we enjoy our time together on Wednesday nights.

The Youth Choir has also grown, and we are grateful to Susan Marston for continuing to direct this precious choir.

The Praise and Worship Choir continues to provide special music and we are grateful for their music ministry.

First Parish Night of Talent events are being planned to be held every other month starting in November.

## Choir Corner

### Anthems we love and why...

#### "O Love" by Elaine Hagenberg

*By: Faith Garnett*



During the period when COVID closed our church's doors for services, Jacqui took it upon herself to create a virtual choir, no small task. We had rehearsals via zoom and she posted practice tracks on Google Drive. When we learned a piece, we were to record ourselves while listening to the track, save it and then send it to her. She would then put all the tracks together, often with beautiful photographs and we sounded pretty good, if I do say so myself.

One of the pieces we recorded was "O Love" by Elaine Hagenberg. There is a line that sings "O Love that seeks me through the pain". I had recently had my knee replaced and I had a terrible time with it. I didn't sleep more than a half an hour at a time, couldn't sit longer than an hour and cried a great deal. None of the pain killers worked, so I'd be awake at 2 in the morning just praying for a little relief. I know many people have gone through this surgery, but I was blindsided by it. So when I would attempt to record that particular part of the song I would break into sobs, have to stop the recording and start all over again. It took many takes before I could get through it, but knowing that Christ was there with me, holding me in my suffering was very powerful.

In college, the director of the St Olaf College said that "music is the conduit of the divine". He would tell us to focus on our Lord and the music would bring us and the listeners into His presence. That song, "O Love", that experience, made that very real to me.

I am grateful to Jacqui and my fellow choir members for bringing us closer to God through music.

# Choir Corner

Anthems we love and why...



## "This is Me" from the Greatest Showman

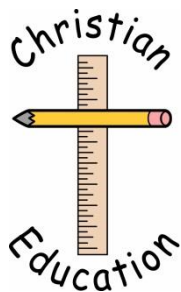
*By: Susan Griffin*

For the past 22 years a man (who I thought was a friend) badgered me about my weight; that I was not worthy. The cruelty I endured was immeasurable. I related the cruelty I endured to the words in the song. The hurt and humiliation he inflicted was with me daily. Over the years I lost my self esteem and sad to say my faith. But I am a warrior and here I am with people I love. People who have shown me to believe in myself. I shed a lot of tears after Sunday because it brought back those memories. My faith did not let me stay in that dark place for too long. God bless you all for giving me a chance and believing in me.

Love, Susan







Our program year is only six weeks old and yet we have had so many faith filled and fun filled times already.

October was a very busy month. We hope that you were able to be a part of it.

There were 27 of us that took part in an outing to Pumpkin Valley Farm on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day to play, pet animals, pick pumpkins and go on a hay ride.



Hayward Family



Thompson Family

Bible Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> was a very special faith filled day for our third graders. Congratulations to all our Bible Recipients Alex Brochu, August Fernandes, Peter Galasyn, Theo Henry, Caleb Blow, Ava Morin and Angela Makengo.



Our Christian Education hosted a delicious breakfast in their honor. Over thirty people attended.



Christian Education Team



Last is our Sunday Funday Fall Festival. We will have pictures in next month's Messenger.

I look forward to seeing you at Church.  
Stay safe,

*Kris*



Our Give Thanks overnight will be

**Fellowship**

Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. All youth, sixth through twelfth grade are invited to stay overnight at the church for Food, Fun, Faith and Fellowship. We will begin at 7PM. At this time we assemble the Thanksgiving Baskets for area families that are having a hard time making ends meet. We do need help with filling the baskets. The items



needed are: stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, chicken broth, canned fruits and pie mixes.

If you are able to donate food items, there will be a special Thanksgiving shopping cart in the atrium beginning November 5<sup>th</sup>.





*Jesus says:*  
*"Let the little*  
*Children come*  
*to me"* -Matthew 19:14

Helping **Lisa and Mary** in the Nursery for the month of **October** was:

1st **Carrie Jahns**  
8th **Lindsey Martel**  
15th **Kelsey Jackson**  
22nd **Glenys Salas**  
29<sup>th</sup> **Lauren Thompson**

Thank you to all who have signed up for helping in our Nursery.

*"Its Only One Sunday!"*

For many, our nursery is their first Welcome at First Parish. Please help us keep that welcome going by signing up to be a nursery volunteer. There is a sign up sheet in the atrium. First Parish Christian Education Team appreciates your time. **Thank You**



**2023 Camping Season**  
**at Pilgrim Lodge** is  
winding down. **Women's Fall**  
**Weekend** was Sept. 15-17.  
**Michelle Fiske and Hope**  
**Guerrette** attended.



**Alexis Brochu** attended **Fall Homecoming Weekend**, Friday to Sunday, Oct. 20-22 at Pilgrim Lodge. This weekend is a reunion for those 6-12 graders who attended camp during the summer. This is a way to keep in touch with friends from camp. Relationships are a big part of going to camp. Pilgrim Lodge is where Community, Nature and God meet. It is where the ordinary meets the extraordinary and those "thin places" form. It is where we glimpse a little bit of heaven on earth.

### Acolyte Fall Schedule

**Oct** 22 Caleb Blow  
29 Alex Brochu  
**Nov** 5 Aaron Blow  
12 Peter Galasyn  
19 Angela Makengo  
26 Ava Morin



On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> there was an Acolyte training. Seven youth came forward to become Acolytes. Aaron Blow, Caleb Blow, Alex Brochu, August Fernandes, Peter Galasyn, Angela Makengo and Ava Morin.



# Flower and Altar Update

**Thank you** to those who provide flowers for the altar each week. If you wish to remember or honor a loved one or celebrate an event in someone's life with altar flowers, the sign-up sheet is on the wall outside the church office. You can also contact Patrice Tripp at 207-590-1109 or Marcia Lord at 207-768-1699. Currently, December 17th and 24th (Christmas Eve) are open.

## Altar flowers for the month of September:

Charles & Debra Clark Memorial Flower Fund in Memory of Doris Clark

Denise Bilodeau in Memory of Roger Bilodeau on the 25th Anniversary of his death.

Glen Ellen Roth in Memory of Ronald Roth, Sr. on his 80th Birthday

Lorie Faubert in Loving Memory of Ted Gaubert and Joffre Schnarr

Edward Olsen



## Poinsettia Sunday, December 10th

Help adorn our sanctuary and order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one **by November 26th**.



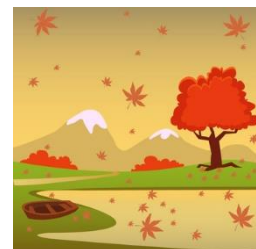
Red, pink or white plants will be available for \$12.00 each.

## Options for ordering:

- Members of the Flower & Altar Team will be available following church services on November 19 & 26
- Completed forms, with payment of cash or check (made payable to FPCC and Poinsettias in the memo line) put in the Flower & Altar box
- Contact Patrice Tripp at 207-590-1109



## Flower & Altar Membership



The team would like to thank Maureen O'Donnell and Judy Klingensmith for their service over the past few years as they move on to other pursuits.

Last week Bob Condon, our Vice Moderator, reminded us that, as members of First Parish Church, we can give our time as well as financially. Flower & Altar would welcome new members. We are blessed to have the congregation provide flowers each Sunday, as well as for Poinsettia Sunday and Easter. We work together to set up for each of the church seasons. Current members are Cathy Baillargeon, Martha Conlan, Eleanor Dow, Michelle Fiske, Marcia Lord, Patrice Tripp, and Mari Warner. "Many Hands make Light Work".



# Mission Team Update

FMI – Carol Spencer-Lemay



**The next Mission Team meeting is scheduled for November 8th at 6:30 pm in the First Parish Parlor. Please join us!**

**Thank you** to all who volunteered for the Red Cross Blood Drive!

**We need your unwanted footwear!!!**

If you have sturdy footwear and/or boots in very good condition, but are not using them, please donate them to our shoe ministry table.

**Our supply is running low.**



**Saco Food Pantry**



Thank you for your support of the Saco Food Pantry!

Don't forget to donate to the Saco Food Pantry if you are able. The need is great.

The **Saco Food Pantry** thanks First Parish Congregational Church members for their ongoing generosity. Please continue to donate non-perishable food items and hygiene items and place them in the shopping cart in the Atrium. Thank you!

**The Pantry is low on the following supplies: soup, toilet paper, ketchup, mustard and mayonnaise.**

The Saco Food Pantry, located at 67 Ocean Park Road, is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, and the last Tuesday of the month from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

What is **Welcome In our New Neighbors (WIONN)**? This is a non-profit organization that helps new immigrants and asylum seekers settle into our local communities. Many new arrivals had to flee violent situations and come with nothing. WIONN provides furniture, bedding, dishes, shoes and clothing to the new asylum seekers that reside in Biddeford or Saco. If needed, WIONN also helps people move locally, and directs them to local agencies that may be able to assist them with housing, food, or other needs. The asylum seekers are not able to work for 6 months or more until they are able to receive a work permit and improve their English language. WIONN volunteers meet at Christ Federated Church in Kennebunk, Maine, but their storage area is located in Biddeford. Below is a list of items that are needed by this organization (as recorded in October). Please contact Marylyn Wentworth at [marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org](mailto:marylyn.wentworth@tnsk.org) to ascertain if what you plan to donate is still in short supply. If the items are needed, you can either schedule a time to deliver the donations to the storage unit, or arrange to have them picked up. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check out to Christ Federated Church, Kennebunk with WIONN in the memo line and send it to WIONN c/o Christ Federated Church, 6 Dane St, PO Box 87, Kennebunk, ME 04043.

## Items needed (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

beds and mattresses  
(twin, double and a few queen)  
box springs or bed frames  
mattress covers  
dressers  
tables & chairs  
couches

easy chairs  
good pots & pans (not aluminum)  
silverware  
sets of dishes  
glasses  
serving bowls  
towels  
computer

sheets  
blankets  
comforters  
pillows  
trash cans  
recycle bins  
toaster oven  
food processor





## **Women's Fellowship The Gingerbread Fair December 2, 2023!!!**



Many things are falling into place for December 2. There are still several opportunities to get involved. Please drop off puzzles, books, and games in the office and they will be picked up. You may also contact Lorie Faubert or Carol Bryant about these items.

Please be thinking about what you will be making for the bake table, the cookie walk, and the candy table. These consumable items are always very popular. It is very helpful if things are wrapped and priced ahead of time.

The Boutique will be in the flexible use room. Carol Spencer-Lemay and her team have been working all fall sorting, cleaning, and pricing jewelry, scarves, and pocketbooks. Charlotte Lapham has been creating beautiful ornaments and hand painted wooden items as well as slates. These exceptional crafts will be in the conference room along with many others. Books and puzzles will be in the balcony. The rest of the tables will be on the atrium level. There are many hand knitted items as well.

Carole and Doug Macrae and Lynn Sulinski will be staffing the coffee shop offering your delicious home baked muffins and breads during the morning for early shoppers. Pam Mohlin will be the head waitress for the luncheon.

There are various opportunities to be involved in the fun. There is a HUGE need for clean up. Please sign up on the poster to help out.





**ATTENTION!** Linda Sprague-Lambert and the Mission Team are selling chances to win 31 different prizes with the winners being selected during December 2023. Proceeds benefit the **Bon Appetit** meal program (Biddeford). One month's calendar costs \$10 each and then you have 31 different chances to win. Please see Linda Sprague-Lambert or Carol Spencer-Lemay if you want to buy a calendar to support a great local charity. Good luck!



**Bon Appetit Community Meal Program - Fundraiser Calendar**  
**December 2023**

Thank you for your support of our mission to help ease food insecurity in our community!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 \$150 Gift Card for Winterwood Fuel Donated by Winterwood Fuel	2 Two nights camping at Bungenut Campground for 2024 season (\$110 value) Donated by Bungenut Campground
3 \$50 Gift Card for The Garden Bar Donated by The Garden Bar	4 30-minute massage at Spa Voyage and \$25 Gift Card for Happy Dragon Donated by Spa Voyage	5 Choice of print from Mark Ettinger Photography (\$200 value) Donated by Mark Ettinger	6 US Felt Tote Bag filled with goodies (\$75 value) Donated by US Felt Company	7 \$30 Gift Card for Hannaford AND Case of soda Donated by Rudolph and All Points Vending	8 \$50 Gift Card for Amazon Donated by Linda Lambert	9 Laser Tag - Win Yea Tag (\$55 value) Donated by Linda Lambert
10 Bird Beakin Bird House (\$75 value) Donated by Santa's Elves	11 \$75 cash Donated by Neil's Motors	12 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Cowbell and Dunkins Donated by Cowbell and Agnes Lettesse	13 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for George's and Dunkins Donated by George's Sandwich Shop and Agnes Lettesse	14 \$100 Irving Gift Card Donated by Patriot Subaru Saco ME	15 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Alex's Pizza and Trillium Donated by Alex's Pizza and Trillium	16 \$30 Gift Card for Hannaford AND Case of soda Donated by Rudolph and All Points Vending
17 (2) \$50 Gift Cards for Provencher Fuel Donated by Jose Boucher	18 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Applebee's Donated by Applebee's	19 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Marden's Donated by Michelle Roberts	20 (2) \$25 Gift Cards Long Horn Steakhouse and McDonald's Donated by Long Horn Steakhouse and McDonald's	21 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Olive Garden Donated by Agnes Lettesse	22 (2) \$25 Gift Cards Golden Rooster and McDonald's Donated by Golden Rooster and McDonald's	23 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Amazon Donated by Agnes Lettesse
24 Amazon Fire HD 10.1" (\$120 value) Donated by Linda Lambert	25 100 gallons Ramco Oil & (4) tickets for Aquaboggan Park Paul's Variety & Crown Fire Door Products	26 \$75 cash Donated by Neil's Motors	27 \$100 cash Donated by Linda Lambert	28 Choice of print from Mark Ettinger Photography (\$200 value) Donated by Mark Ettinger	29 (2) \$25 Gift Cards for Applebee's Donated by Agnes Lettesse	30 1 hour massage with Kelly Chambers (\$95 value) Donated by Kelly Chambers
31 \$100 Irving Gift Card Donated by Patriot Subaru Saco ME	<p><u>All proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the operations of Bon Appetit.</u> For more information about our program, call us at 207-569-4726 and visit our website at: <a href="https://www.bonappetitmealprogram.com/">https://www.bonappetitmealprogram.com/</a></p> <p>Check us out on Facebook for pictures of prizes ...</p>					

\$10.00 buys you one raffle calendar and 31 chances to win great prizes!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Add: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is it okay to text you? YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_



Looking for things to do in the area?

Check out [www.pressherald.com/things-to-do/do-this-calendar](http://www.pressherald.com/things-to-do/do-this-calendar)

You can search by date, within a number of miles... you'll be amazed at what is happening in Maine!

**Join us for the last First Parish Bean Suppah of 2023!!**  
**Veterans eat free!!!**

Mark your calendars!  
November 11, 2023  
Serving from  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
\$10.00 Adults  
\$5.00 Children 6-12



Menu will be:

Pea Beans	Kidney Beans
Mac N Cheese	Hot Dogs
Coleslaw	Breads
Desserts	Beverages

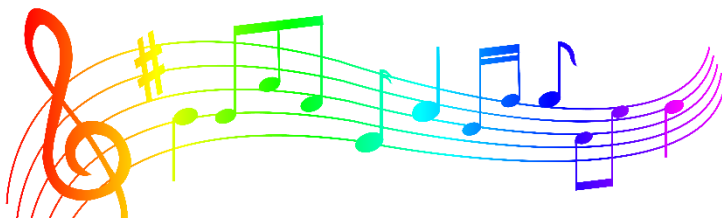


# First Parish Concert Series Presents Danny Holt

November 19, 2023 2:00 pm



Called “phenomenal” by the late music critic Alan Rich, and hailed as one of the “local heroes” of the Los Angeles music scene (LAcitybeat.com), pianist **Danny Holt** performs around the globe in concert halls (Carnegie Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, Hollywood Bowl), clubs (Joe’s Pub, The Blue Whale, Copenhagen Jazzhouse) art galleries (MASS MoCA, Hammer Museum), churches, living rooms, and wherever else he can find a piano and someone to listen. He has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Blue Man Group, the Bang on a Can All-Stars, the California EAR Unit, and the Calder Quartet, and he has held fellowships at the Bang On a Can Summer Music Institute, the Weill Music Institute at Carnegie Hall, and New England Conservatory’s Summer Institute for Contemporary Performance Practice. When he’s not performing cutting-edge contemporary music, Holt enjoys curating programs of obscure repertoire from the 18th and 19th centuries, bringing rarely-performed works and the unheard stories of lesser-known composers to audiences. His recorded catalog includes the recent solo album “Piano Music of Mike Garson” and other solo, chamber, and orchestral releases on the Innova Recordings label, pFMENTUM, New World Records, Deutsche Grammophon, and L’st records. Holt holds degrees from California Institute of the Arts, Hampshire College, Smith College, and Interlochen Arts Academy. For more information, please visit: [www.dannyholt.net](http://www.dannyholt.net)



Danny Holt’s program traces the history of the sonatina from the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, highlighting an eclectic array of composers—many of whom are unknown to even the most ardent classical music fans. Shining a spotlight on lesser-known composers is one of Holt’s passions, and this program does exactly that, using the genre of the sonatina as a jumping off point. Most students of classical piano will have memories of studying sonatinas by Clementi and Kuhlau: these works have found an important place in piano pedagogy more than 200 years since they were composed. But one seldom hears these works on the concert stage. Holt’s program begins in the Classical era, with short selections by Clementi and Diabelli. Moving into the Romantic style, sonatinas by Heller, Kirchner, and Reger show how composers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century expanded the conception of what a sonatina could be. Works by Bartók, Karg-Elert, and Saygun give a glimpse of the dramatic contrasts of classical music in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. And Kapustin’s jazzy one-movement sonatina ushers in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, showing that the sonatina is still alive and well!





**Saco Grange 53  
Community  
Clothing Closet  
Clothing Giveaway  
Open:**

**Starting in October First and Third  
Tuesday of the month 9am-12pm  
Second and forth Wednesday of the  
month 4pm-7-pm  
Limited Saturday dates for the 2023  
year. 10/21, 11/11, 12/16  
One Sunday 11/12**

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# First Parish Fellowship Opportunities

## Friendsgiving Potluck

The Salas Family will be hosting a Friendsgiving Potluck at their home on November 19th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. **Please connect with either Glenys or Jay to sign up.**



## Mini Golf Fun!!!



## First Parish Writers Group

Grab your pens and your pencils, your typewriters and your tablets and join us as we offer this new fellowship opportunity. Several people in our church family write books, poetry and articles and have inquired about getting together from time to time. Well ... why not?!

**Sunday, November 12, 11:30 AM** ... grab a snack and have a quick chat during fellowship hour then, gather in the Parlor.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4pm Diaper Bank 5:30pm Jr Choir 6pm Girl Scouts Troop 277 6:45pm Sr Choir	2 9am TOHG 3pm Guiding Eyes for the Blind 5pm SoME Dance 6:30pm Bible Study	3	4 
<b>5 Stewardship Sunday</b> 8:30am Sacred Conversations 8:50am CE Team 10am Service 11:30am M&A Team 11:30am Consecration Brunch 1pm TV Service	6 9am Counters  6pm Bell Choir 7pm Big Book	7 9:30am Fellowship Workshop 3pm Tutor & Ed Testing 5pm SoME Dance 6:30pm Facilities Team 7pm Men's Fellowship	8 4pm Diaper Bank 5:30pm Jr Choir 6:30pm Mission Team 6:45pm Sr Choir	9 9am TOHG 5pm SoME Dance 6:30pm Book Club 6:30pm Bible Study	10	11 5pm Bean Suppah    7pm Night of Talent
12 8:30am Sacred Conversations 10am Service 11:15am P&W Choir 1pm TV Service	13 9am Counters  6pm Bell Choir 7pm Big Book	14 9:30am Fellowship Workshop 3pm Tutor & Ed Testing 5pm SoME Dance 7pm Men's Fellowship via Zoom	15 10am Theological Group 4pm Diaper Bank 5:30pm Jr Choir 6:30pm Finance Team via Zoom 6:45pm Sr Choir	16 9am TOHG 3pm Guiding Eyes for the Blind 5pm SoME Dance 6:30pm Bible Study 7pm GNT	17  7pm Give Thanks Youth overnight	18 9am Flower & Altar Cornucopia set up  12pm Evaluations Recital
19 8:30am Sacred Conversations 10am Service 11:15am P&W Choir 11:30am Diaconate 1pm TV Service 2pm Danny Holt Concert	20 9am Counters  6pm Bell Choir 7pm Big Book	21 9:30am Fellowship Workshop 3pm Tutor & Ed Testing 5pm SoME Dance 7pm Men's Fellowship via Zoom	22 4pm Diaper Bank 5:30pm Jr Choir 6pm GS 1106 6:30pm Council 6:45pm Sr Choir	23 <b>Office Closed</b> 	24 <b>Office Closed</b>  9:30am Flower & Altar Advent/Xmas set up	25 
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